

— IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION UNDER RULE 53(d)  
—FOR DESIGN APPLICATION OR FOR 1st C.P.A AFTER MAY 29, 2000 IN UTILITY APPLICATION FILED BEFORE MAY 29, 2000—

CPA

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d), please file a

continuation/ divisional

of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION or:

Inventor: O'BRIEN et al

Serial No. 09/043,406

Filed: 18 March 1998

For: SERVICE PROVISION SYSTEM FOR  
USE IN DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(d) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): O'BRIEN et al

Please delete the following inventors in the CPA:

Deleted persons:

A new oath/declaration is attached for any newly named inventor(s).

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
96300961.8	Europe	12 February 1996
9602780.0	Europe	12 February 1996
9607504.9	Europe	11 April 1996
PCT/GB97/00395	WIPO	11/14/2000 BHABTEW 00000012 09043406 1997
<input type="checkbox"/> certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s)		01 FC:131 710.00 OP
attached or		02 FC:103 666.00 OP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> already filed in PCT/GB97/00395		03 FC:102 1520.00 OP
filled 12 February 1997		

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This application is entitled to "Small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the previously unentered Rule 116 amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.

Please enter the attached amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee	\$	710.00
Total effective claims 57 - 20 (at least 20) = 37 x \$ 18.00	\$	666.00
Independent claims 22 - 3 (at least 3) = 19 x \$ 80.00	\$	1520.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)	\$	0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) \$110.00/1 month; \$390.00/2 months; \$890.00/3 months) \$ 890.00

Less month extension previously paid on

\$ 0.00

If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract

**SUBTOTAL** \$ 3786.00

\$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)

**SECOND SUBTOTAL** \$ 3786.00

\$ 0.00

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED** \$ 3786.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the final Office Action dated 05/10/00, and to the attached CPA request, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amend provisionally allowed dependent claims 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 25 and 27 to self-standing independent allowed format:

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